GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:22
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UTILIZATION OF FUNDS UNDER SAMPOORNA GRAMEEN ROZGAR YOJANA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the employment generated under Sampoorana Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) since its inception.;

(b) the details of complaints, if any, of diversion of funds meant for Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) State-wise;

(c) the action taken by the Government against such States;

(d) the funds allocated/released for 2002-2003;

(e) whether the Supreme Court has taken a strong note of diversion of funds earmarked for Sampoorana Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and given directionsto the Government not to make any further grants under the programme till the utilization certificates of the earlier grants are submitted by the State Governments; and

(f) if so, the details of the action taken or proposed to be taken on the directions of the Supreme Court ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement as referred to in Reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 22 due for answer on 16th July, 2002.

The Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) was launched in September, 2001.The Scheme having commenced towards the middle of the year 2001-02, the ongoing Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) were continued as part of the Sampooorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana (SGRY) in that yearwith additional allocation of funds, over and above the provisions under the two Schemes, alongwith fresh allocation of foodgrains. The two Schemes stand fully merged with the SGRY in the current financial year.

2. During 2001-02, an amount of Rs. 3789.60 crores was released to States/UTs underthe SGRY (Stream-I & Stream-II), alongwith 34.52 lakh tonnes of foodgrains. During 2002- 03, an amount of Rs. 1405.77 crores has been released to States/UTs under the SGRY (Stream-I & Stream-II), as First Instalment, alongwith 14.42 lakh tonnes of foodgrainsAs per the Progress Reports received from the States/UTs, 4337.62 lakh mandays of employment (provisional) were generated during the year, 2001-02.

3. While no specific references in respect of diversion of funds meant for the SGRYhave so far been received, those in regard to deficiencies in implementation of the Programme have been forwarded to the concerned State Governments for immediate corrective action.

4. In the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 196 of 2001 filed by the People`s Union of CiviLiberties Vs. Union of India and others wherein all States/UTs are listed as Respondents, the Hon`ble Supreme Court in para (e) of Order dated 8th May, 2002 indicated that `the Central Government shall make financial releases under the different employment generation schemes to each State on schedule, provided that the State Governments fulfil the conditions as prescribed by the SGRY. The State Governments are directed to fulfil these conditions and implement the SGRY expeditiously. The State Government will furnish utilizationcertificates and it is only on the furnishing of the same that further amounts shall be released. The funds provided shall only be utilized in respect of SGRY programme.`

5 . The directions of the Hon`ble Supreme Court have been communicated to all theStates/UTs for compliance and are being incorporated in the SGRY Guidelines. The FirstInstalment under the SGRY in the current year has been released to those Districts which have fulfilled the requisite conditions.